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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lunch with alias DESSAU on 15 September 1966

1. Alias DESSAU called shortly after eleven to confirm that lunch with [] was still on. I had realized that we hadn't mentioned lunch in our call of the previous day and I rather expected that he would call to check. I confirmed lunch for 1215 at the Charcoal Hearts.

2. DESSAU arrived just ahead of us at the restaurant. He had with him in a thin briefcase three "Kreide" envelopes. I asked that he keep them in the briefcase for me during lunch. He appeared to have nothing in the briefcase other than the "Kreide" envelopes, a copy of the Washington Post and two or three sheets of paper. After we had ordered, DESSAU excused himself to make a telephone call to Sytilla's husband. He quickly reappeared and asked to borrow change, saying he had no small change. I offered him thirty cents which was all the change I had and he took it all. After lunch, when we were leaving, he explained that he had to get along to meet his son-in-law who was leaving that afternoon for a couple of days in New York. DESSAU explained that the son-in-law was going to New York to visit hospitals there. Although he actually never said so, DESSAU gave the impression that the son-in-law would be doing some kind of business or carrying a message for DESSAU to someone in New York. Probably DESSAU had had someone in the Embassy arrange for the hospital visits through the German Consulate General in New York and he wanted to discuss the arrangements with his son-in-law. DESSAU said that the boy has decided to teach medicine after all and will not take over or enter his mother's practice, at least as long as she is able to manage the practice.

3. DESSAU said that he had been to a party at the home of Berndt von Stadden (Chief Political Officer in the German Embassy, the night before (14 September)). He said that he had met and had a long talk with Congressman Mendel Rivers. DESSAU explained that Rivers lives just across the street from von Stadden. DESSAU said that Rivers was a most outspoken and rather florid gentleman. DESSAU said that at one point Rivers had said roughly the following to him: "Hins, I tell you one thing, that bastard Wallbright will never get even one man on the Watchdog Committee". (I don't recall nothing that all important people always call DESSAU, Hins). DESSAU claimed that he then gave Rivers a brief lecture on why the Congress didn't need to worry since "Disk (Helm) was all the guarantee they needed. He heard that story before when DESSAU related to me how he had expounded to Senator McCarthy just before the Senate voted on adding extra members to the Watchdog

committee. Apparently, DESSAU also recalled this because he then went on to relate that Rivers had also spoken to DESSAU in no uncertain terms about the low regard which he has for Senator MacCarthy. DESSAU said that Rivers also spoke bitterly against Secretary MacNamara. Finally, DESSAU related to us how Mr. Rivers had expressed the warmest regards for Germany and, making reference to France, had said that the United States knew who its true friends are.

4. DESSAU asked if we had ever heard of a Congressman named Freytingshausen. I said that he was quite a well-known Congressman from Illinois. DESSAU said he had also met Mr. Freytingshausen at the party the night before. DESSAU said that he had been most impressed with Freytingshausen who had been there during most of the time he spoke with Mr. Rivers. I told DESSAU that Freytingshausen had been an important name during the Civil War and he said that Congressman Freytingshausen had mentioned his German forefathers.

5. We discussed the results of the Maryland primary and DESSAU displayed a good knowledge of Mahoney's stand on open housing and he asked how it was possible that Mahoney could have been elected. This led to a discussion of the primary system. DESSAU expressed his preference for Mr. Sickels and asked whether Sickels was related to Major General Daniel Sickels of Civil War fame. We also discussed briefly the fate of the HAI, the Bundeswehr submarine, but DESSAU had no late information. He did comment that this was a blow which the Navy didn't need right now.

6. DESSAU said he had received a request from the ENE's man in Athens, whom DESSAU identified as H. H. Goldenfeld (phonetic). DESSAU said that Goldenfeld had called that the Botschafterat Alfred G. Vagdermann of the American Embassy, who had passed (gold) as the local CIA representative, had been replaced by a certain [redacted]. Goldenfeld asked if [redacted] was [redacted] CIA replacement and whether he might talk with her. DESSAU had such a cable with him and he allowed us to see enough of it to get the proper spelling of [redacted]. Neither [redacted] or myself had ever heard of these names and we told DESSAU that they were unfamiliar to us.

7. DESSAU turned to [redacted] forthcoming trip to Germany and we determined that [redacted] will be in Munich over the week-end when the "Oktoberfest" opens. DESSAU asked who all [redacted] knows in the ENE and [redacted] told him that he knew only General Krause and Colonel zur Muehlen and Lavanis from their visit here. DESSAU made notes and indicated that he would arrange a reception for [redacted] to include a visit to the "Oktoberfest". [redacted] indicated that [redacted] has returned and said that his own visit was in between that of [redacted] and that of [redacted] and [redacted]. DESSAU appeared not to know of the visit of [redacted] and [redacted].

8. I referred to DESSAU's previous statements about his trip to Bermuda and indicated the possibility of some confusion concerning DESSAU's arrival date. I recalled his statement that he would leave for Bermuda the day before DESSAU's arrival and I said that my records showed that DESSAU left

